



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: May 12, 2009

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Facilities Division, Waterfront Department

SUBJECT: Boating Infrastructure Grant From California Department Of Boating And Waterways—Marina 3

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Requesting a \$50,000 Grant from the California Department of Boating and Waterways for the Development of a Boating Infrastructure Facility at Marina 3 in the Santa Barbara Harbor, and Authorizing the Waterfront Director to Execute the Grant Agreement accepting the Grant; and
- B. Increase estimated Fiscal Year 2009 revenue in the amount of \$50,000 for the grant and appropriate the funds to the Waterfront Capital Fund.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Santa Barbara Waterfront Department (Waterfront) provides transient berthing for all boaters, including disabled boaters. Marina 3 is the dedicated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) marina in the harbor. A recent ADA Transition Plan prepared specifically for Marina 3 found that the largest transient slip, Marina 3B endtie, is not wide enough to serve the disabled boating public. In an effort to maintain compliance with ADA and better serve the disabled boating public, the Waterfront will implement the recommendation to widen the endtie pursuant to the Transition Plan.

The National Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program provides funds to states for the construction, renovation, and maintenance of public and private boating infrastructure tie-up facilities that are available to the public. The program is designed to provide transient dockage for recreational boats 26 feet or more in length for recreational opportunities and safe harbors. The California Department of Boating and Waterways (Cal Boating) administers the BIG Program allocating several million dollars to ports and harbors every year. Under the BIG Program, two types of grants are available, referred to as "Tier I" and "Tier II." Tier I grants are grants of up to \$100,000; Tier II grants are those of more than \$100,000. The cost estimate for the proposed Marina 3B Endtie improvements is \$95,000, and therefore a Tier I project.

Waterfront staff will design the Marina 3B Endtie improvements in conjunction with Public Works. Reconstruction of the dock is tentatively scheduled for the fall of 2009.

FUNDING:

The Waterfront Department has applied for a grant of \$50,000 from Cal Boating under the BIG Program with a local match of \$45,000 to reconstruct the Marina 3B endtie. Cal Boating has offered two Tier I grants of \$50,000 each to Santa Barbara Harbor and King Harbor in Redondo Beach. The local match is included in the recommended Fiscal Year 2010 Waterfront capital budget identified as “Marina 3—Americans with Disabilities Act Upgrades.” Recommendation B will appropriate the grant funds.

The Harbor Commission received a report on the FY2010 – 2015 CIP including the Marina 3B – Americans with Disabilities Act Upgrades project at the November 20, 2008, meeting. Several charter operators that serve the disabled boating public have been consulted and provided support for the grant application.

The California Department of Boating and Waterways requires a Resolution from the Council requesting the grant and willingness to accept the terms of the agreement.

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office